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## Christian Sociology

(By Rev. J. J. Dalton, D. D.)

Our country is becoming more and more influenced by different phases of socialism. We may not be aware of this fact, nor may we consider it a matter of any special concern, but this does not change the truth of the statement in the least. This influence is manifesting itself in the various organizations which have developed themselves among all classes of people. Multitudinous clubs representing all classes and objects have sprung up, which are more or less of socialistic tendencies. These are not to be considered ill omens for a moment, for many of them have worthy and commendable objects for their achievement. They are only so many efforts to meet the changed conditions of the new order of society. Anything that has a tendency to improve social conditions and to ameliorate an oppressed and suffering public should be welcomed as a means of moral helpfulness to our people. To deny this widens the breach between different

classes and different interests and adds to the social complexity of our times.

With a proper understanding of their real meaning there is nothing to cause alarm in our present day social conditions. That there is room for their improvement and that they need mending in many ways no one, I suppose, will deny; but the only serious peril we need to fear in this great awakening is the tendency to make "social service" the chief and primary duty of the Christian church. Social service may assume a form, or adopt a program, wholly destitute of a religious spirit and thus become a bane rather than a blessing in its results. But the "social spirit" which expresses itself in unselfish service should ever be welcomed as an essential factor in meeting the demands now upon us. Changed conditions of society have necessarily forced new problems upon the church—problems that call for a solution and which affects her highest usefulness. When the world was younger and more

sparsely settled, and when people lived more independently of each other, religion was interpreted from an individualistic view point. Life was then simple and relationships few; therefore, community service was not so necessary and obligations not so binding. Individualistic civilization naturally assumes an individualistic type of religion. But as our population increases and our interest become more interlinked radical changes are wrought in both our civilization and religion. No longer is the individualistic type preeminent but the social or collective type has merged to the front and occupies the larger place in both our national and religious lives.

No fair minded man will question for a moment the dynamic value of religion in the social movements of the past. It has driven individuals, armies and nations with terrific impact. It has been the axis which has, in many respects, turned the wheels of economic history. From its incipency Christianity has been a social force. It has raised its voice with no uncertain sound against all oppression and wrong. The better day which it has always held up before the people has been a constant cause of unrest and hope. The political and social upheavals of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries were made possible because religion added its force and enthusiasm to the causes of their discontent.

The social power of religion has been also demonstrated in that it has acted as a conservative check to radical speech and hasty action. Through its influence nations have been induced to bow humbly and patiently to the divine right of authority and thus neutralized many revolutionary schemes. It has befriended every worthy endeavor, inspired every noble impulse and disdained every wrong and oppressive principle. A skeptical world may be slow or unwilling to admit this, but beyond question the world is due its largest debt to the corrective force of its religion. So today the greatest safeguard of the nation is its religion. It is able to adjust itself to every condition and meet every demand made upon it. The old dualism which has been so long fostered, however, does not meet our present demands. A new environment calls for a new adjustment in order to conserve the best interest of both the individual and the nation.

The part that Christianity is to have in shaping the future policy of the world can be easily determined by the light of present day history. It is safe to say that Christianity in these recent times insists more on ethical outcome and tests of religious piety than ever before. Today men's piety is accepted only when he is known to be a good man. The time has never been when religion and morality were so closely allied as they are today. Quite different from the conditions which existed in the Dark Ages. The world now demands that a religious man must also be a moral man. The conscience of the world is so aroused today that it has no place for the fraud or the sham though he may dress in purple and fine linen and fare sumptuously every day!

The religious teaching of the present also indicates something of its influence upon the coming generation. Dogmatism has ceased to be the leading characteristic of the present day preaching. It has now become less doctrinal and more ethical. The union sentiment that so largely pervades Christendom could not exist if the churches dwelt as in times past upon doctrinal differences. The rise of institutional churches and the interest in social settlements indicate that the religious impulse is working in ethical directions. As a result a brighter day is dawning upon us. False philosophy is giving way to a more intelligent system of work. The brightest minds and greatest philanthropists are working hand in hand to bring about such social conditions as will conserve the best interest of all classes of society.

### NEW MEXICO'S POLITICAL WEATHERVANE

The New Mexico constitutional convention will be a thoroughly representative body to citizens. Many different professions and occupations are represented, and the convention will not be composed solely of lawyers by a long ways. The convention will have among its members farmers and teachers, bankers and grocers, mining and stockmen, irrigators and newspaper men, as well as lawyers, and the constitution should faithfully express the sense of the majority of intelligent citizens.

It is interesting to examine the political complexion of the delegations from the various counties. A fairly accurate line can thus be had upon the general party strength of the various parts of the territory, and a basis developed for political prophecy. Dividing New Mexico roughly by vertical

and horizontal lines into four quarters, two-thirds of the population of the territory live in the northern two quarters, the northwest quarter slightly more populous than the northeast quarter; here is the Republican stronghold, for the returns in the election of constitutional delegates show the choice of 52 Republicans, nine Democrats and six fusionists in this upper half; in the southern two quarters, about equally populous, the Democrats are strongly in the majority, for the Republicans only elected six delegates, the Democrats 15, fusionists eight.

Taking another line of division, the north and south line, the two halves are almost balanced as to population, while the Republicans are about 50 percent stronger than the Democrats, according to the number of delegates elected. Of course this is not a close approximation, but merely serves to give a rough suggestion of the political line-up.

An interesting sidelight on the distribution of New Mexico's population is found in a division diagonally from northwest corner to southeast corner; above the line lives 75 to 80 per cent of the total population of the territory.

The big surprise to the Democrats is contained in the results from the northeast quarter of the territory; many Democrats had been fondly hoping that the quarter would become debatable country, but it went overwhelmingly Republican in the constitutional convention election.

It is known that the popular vote of the territory is quite evenly divided between the two parties, but it does certainly look as if the vast majority of the people prefer to trust the Republicans to frame the fundamental law of the new state.—El Paso Herald.

### SEA LION ACTORS WITH GOLLMAR BROS. CIRCUS

Captain Kent's original conception, the wonderful group of cooly-playing, music-making and deft-juggling seals, exhibited by the Gollmar Brothers and performer by the trainer, present without doubt the most unique display of animal training ever attempted. A casual glance at a number of these curiously formed creatures as they lie basking in the sunshine on some rocky, wave-washed cliff, which lifts its apex above the surrounding ocean, or perhaps in the distant Arctic, as they lie in wait for food on the frigid shore line of huge floating mountains of ice, would lead the onlooker to think them the least tractable of animals.

Nature has apparently not provided them with symmetrical limbs, with which to move upon land, nor has she endowed them with the advantages possessed by many sea-living creatures, yet this seemingly helpless beast is one of the most capable of the lower animals as is most surprisingly shown by the marvelously exact feats of juggling, balancing and catching, accomplished by the members of Captain Kent's troupe, while their conception of comedy is plainly shown by the many funny situations presented in their human-like exhibitions, in which they exact actual comedy plays. That they enjoy music is beyond question.

Captain Kent has among his troupe a number of seals who actually approach a melody in their songs, while their performance on musical instruments, though not rivaling a Maestro in a musical sense, still show them to be interested in producing sound. Captain Kent is the originator of this special class of trained animal acts. While on a cruise in the seas of the far north, a number of years ago, Captain Kent was ice-bound for a number of months off the north-east coast of Greenland, and here, far away from the civilized world, home and friends, during the long, sunless days of an Arctic winter, the first troupe of performing seals was perfected. With a score of these furry coated pets as his only companions, save his ship's company of hardy sailors, he was given an opportunity to study their natures and possibilities, of which he has taken full advantage in perfecting them in their astonishing performance. While it is true that others have since attempted to imitate his accomplishments, though with less than indifferent success, he is the originator, and so far the only real successful trainer of seals for exhibitional purposes, and his act stands today alone, the most unique trained animal show the world has ever seen. Throughout the old world, where Captain Kent has heretofore exhibited his company of Oceanic Actors, they have met with the most emphatic success.

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